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Our Present Missions in Alaska

An Account of a Visitation of Our Mission Field in the North

Father O'Reilly Continues

Finally I found my way to the residence of our Fathers close by the church, where I was given a very cordial reception. Hospitality and kind receptions are the vogue all over Alaska, they are the traditional traits of pioneer days in the Northland; and among Ours, their manifestation is in striking evidence because of the traditional charity of the Society. Father Savage came to the door to let me in. I found him looking well, and apparently none the worse for his year of residence in Nome. Then I met Father La Fortune for the first time. He has an unbroken record of 26 years among the Eskimos, quite a feature in the life of one of Ours to be so long in one place in Alaska.

On my arrival I learned that the government supply ship, "The Boxer," was in the roadstead and would leave in two days with the King Islanders for their island home near Siberia. King Island, situated about 97 miles northwest of Nome, rises almost perpendicular to a height of 700 feet above the sea. It has a population of 165 Eskimos. As soon as the ice leaves the Arctic in the Spring, these Eskimos are accustomed to come to Nome for the few months of summer to dispose of ivory and fur—the products of their industry during winter. As the sea is generally smooth at the beginning of June, the whole tribe leave the

island in kyaks (skin boats); and since there is no night in Eskimo land in summer, they make the trip in two days of constant rowing. On the beach of Nome they have their own summer settlement, a motley collection of tiny shacks, just sufficient for family privacy. The Eskimos are a very industrious race, the men being experts in handling ship cargo, the women being always busy, if not caring for their little ones, in polishing articles of ivory and dressing the fur of the seal.

Religious Awakening

About 25 years ago, these people began to see the difference between the religion of the Catholic Church and that of the other churches they occasionally frequented; then it was that they got in touch with Father La Fortune. In all likelihood they perceived that he was interested in them, and gradually one family after another came to the church for instruction. Having a fairly workable knowledge of their language, Father La Fortune was able to converse with them in matters of religion with considerable fluency; and now it was merely a question of time that once their confidence being assured, the King Islanders, in a body would embrace the Catholic faith. In the meantime Divine Providence was at work in another way. "A child shall lead them" spoke the renowned Seer of Israel to

the people of his day; and many a time since then has the word of prophecy been verified with nations and individuals.

At this particular time, it was so in King Island. In the autumn of 20 years ago, a little Eskimo girl, not yet seven years of age, was taken suddenly ill in the igloo at her island home. She had received the sacrament of baptism with other children the summer previous at Nome. This child, evidently realizing that she had not long to live, called her parents near and told them she would die the next day; then she pointed to the hands of the alarm clock close by, telling them the hour when she would die. She next informed them it was God's will that all the Eskimos of King Island should embrace the Catholic religion, emphasising in her child-like way, "it was the true religion"; then she enjoined them to be faithful to their morning and evening prayers and to continue in the practice of their faith until death. She died the next day at the hour she foretold the day before. This incident being related to every family of the cave-dwellers on the island, made a profound impression, for it was looked upon as a token of divine approval coming from a source so unexpected and from one so young; on the eve of her departure for another world. It goes without saying that an event so unusual in the life-story of an Eskimo tribe, could not pass unnoticed, and to this day, it is handed down in the folklore of the natives. The following summer, on their annual return to Nome, the King Islanders related the story of the little Eskimo girl to Father La Fortune. They were now determined to embrace the Christian faith and were coming daily for instruction, until the entire tribe was received into the Catholic Church.

The only feasible way of getting to King Island was to secure passage in the government boat, and this was brought about by the ingenuity of Father Savage, who got in touch with the Bureau of Education and obtained passes for both of us on the "Boxer." We left Nome Friday at 8 p. m. and arrived at King Island the next day about noon. A blinding storm greeted us on the way, which however, did not last long. Since there is no shore on

the island, the "Boxer" anchored on its lee side, a quarter of a mile distant. Now began the work of disembarking the Eskimos, by lowering their native kyaks; the kyak will easily accommodate 20 persons besides the ordinary supply of provisions. The Eskimos being very skilled boatmen, it was interesting to observe their kyak fleet, taxed to capacity loads of men, women and children, all beaming with delight, as they skiped over the shimmering sea to their island home. As they neared the island, packs of Siberian dogs came rushing in every direction to the water's edge. They made the welkin ring with echoes of prolonged delight in Arctic dog-fashion. It was indeed a medley of discordant noise, but altogether unlike the wild, rooting discord at a college football game. As every dog has his day, the Eskimo home-coming seemed to be every dog's day on King Island.

Great Faith of the Eskimos

In the afternoon, an Eskimo invited me into his kyak to visit the island. Since this island rises almost perpendicularly from the sea, it is difficult to disembark, and to effect a landing from the native kyak on the huge granite crags is a clever feature of the skilled boatmen. But the end is not yet. The troubles begin after the landing is effected, and now for the ascent in zigzag trails over slippery rocks to the igloos of the island cave dwellers. The Eskimo, as sure-footed as a mountain sheep, knows where to step, and the one thing to bear in mind, is to step with him, the neglect of which may cause the unwary traveler to come to grief. Their igloos are built into the side of the island, one tier gradually slanting higher than the other until a narrow crest is reached, and there stands the little church built by the Eskimos from the driftwood salvaged off shipwrecks in Bering Sea. The church was finished about a year ago, and I had the privilege of celebrating the first Holy Mass in the first church built on King Island.

The celebration took place on the following day, Sunday, October 7th. It was an ideal day, radiant with the fullness of autumn sunshine; the visibility too, was exceptionally fine on the western horizon, extending to the outline of the Diomedes isles not far from the shores of Siberia. Robed in Arctic parkies, the Eskimos were

assembled long before Mass commenced, and one could read in their smiling faces the interior joy of going to Mass in their own chapel for the first time. As soon as Mass began they recited prayers and sang sacred hymns in their own tongue. After the gospel I preached a very simple sermon trying to convey the thought then uppermost in mind that their faith was known all over Alaska, and that God would make use of them in the near future to be instrumental for the conversion of the pagan Eskimos from St. Lawrence Island to Point Barrow. No priest could say Mass in this remote out post of the Catholic world without being deeply impressed that he was instrumental in bringing the Lord of the World into the midst of a people who worshipped God with a simplicity of faith worthy of the Christians in the first century.

Another incident worth while to relate, which gives an insight of the thoughtful hospitality of the Eskimo, was an invitation to breakfast. It would have been a long wait to return to the "Boxer" for lunch at noon, but no sooner was I observed leaving the church, than I was invited by one of the men to break bread with him in his igloo. The entrance to the igloo is through a shelter-porch where the household supplies, besides sleds, guns and fishing apparatus, are stored; then, there is another entrance, strictly private, just large enough for a man's body to pass through. It is operated from the inside, somewhat after the manner of a confessional shutter, but low down on a plane with the floor. My Eskimo host helped me to slide in, and, once inside, I felt like being in a kind of fairy dwelling. The dimensions of this apartment were 8 feet by 10, and the ceiling 6 feet. There were two small windows in keeping with the smallness of the place, and none of the space was lost by the use of chairs, tables or beds. A seal-oil lamp took the place of a stove, and instead of ordinary beds, the skins of animals were neatly folded at one end of the room, while the smooth wooden floor served in lieu of chairs. The walls were decorated with holy cards; a crucifix indulged for a happy death had a niche of its own; and the popular photogravures of the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Mother

and the Little Flower were in places of prominence. When the breakfast was ready the family squatted in Eskimo cafeteria style in the middle of the floor. They blessed themselves and said the grace before meals very devoutly; it goes without saying that I was squatted with them and enjoyed the menu, a la Eskimo. They served buttered toast with fried cutlets of Arctic relish and stimulating coffee rich in the aroma of Java. After enjoying such a hospitable repast I was anxious to know the name of my friend. It is customary among the Eskimos, besides the racial Eskimo name of the family, to choose an American one; and the names of American presidents and generals seem to be quite popular. Mr. hosts American name was McKinley. I thanked him for his kind hospitality and, before leaving, blessed Mrs. McKinley and all the little McKinleys in the igloo.

About noon the "Boxer" was ready to leave for Nome. The Eskimos were assembled near the water's edge to bid farewell, and many the anxious prayer was said by these simple Islanders that some day a priest would live in their midst to give them the consolations of their holy faith. There are events in the lives of all of us, they may be, perhaps, the red-letter days of each one's personal experience, and the memory of which often lapses with the flight of time; but though all others may lapse in me, the memory of King Island Sunday will abide to the dusk of time.

The Mission of Our Lady of Lourdes at Pilgrim Springs came next in the itinerary mapped out for me by my Superior, Very Rev. Father Delon. This mission is reached by a rather unique mode of transportation—the dog-mobile railroad, a gasoline car with a Ford motor is now more generally used. The landscape along this route, for 75 miles to the Shelter Cabin near the Sawtooth mountain range, is bleak and desolate; road-houses, generally 20 miles apart, are by the trail for the convenience of travelers. Arriving at the Shelter Cabin about 2.30 p. m., I met Brother Wilhelm and an Eskimo boy waiting for me. Brother was driving a span of mules; the boy was on horseback. Since the visibility in this bleak wilderness is exceptionally good, I could see the

smoke of the Mission buildings seven miles away across the tundra.

"Now Be Sure to Hold On"

Crossing the Alaskan tundra on foot, or by a conveyance is a toss-up for comfort. Brother Wilhelm gave me my choice, so, to be sociable, I decided to ride in the front seat with him, having before me an unbroken vista of the ever monotonous swampy tundra. "Now be sure to hold on" was Brother's timely warning as the mules started off, but I could see how easy one could come to grief, even when he was trying his best to hold on, while the mules plunged from side to side through the ups and downs of the marshy way. A few minutes of trying to "hold on" was enough to convince me that it was safer to take the other choice, and foot the tundra for the seven miles that lay between me and the mission.

What a place to come to live, as I struggled with the uneven footing on the tundra, was the thought that repeatedly came for the first few miles, and here Brother decided that he too, would walk the rest of the way, so he gave the mules to the boy, and we both chatted as we went along. When we were about half way to the mission Brother called my attention to a bank of willows on the Pilgrim river, pointing to the place where Father Rupert was found frozen to death five years before. Of all the places in the Northland I don't think a more dreary solitude could be found, and, most assuredly, in a more lonely place no one could ever expect to die. Three more miles of trudging on the tundra and we came in sight of the Mission of Our Lady of Lourdes. There, near the base of the Sawtooth range, a mountain chain that rises about three thousand feet with snow-capped summits, is located the mission that cares for the orphan children whose parents were carried off in the epidemic of the flu. Father Rupert Post, two lay-Brothers and six Ursuline Nuns look after the spiritual and material interests of fifty children. One of the strange features of this place is the presence of many hot springs, waters containing medicinal properties of rare worth; and that such steaming mineral water should be located in a region where the ground surface is frozen for over 800 feet

below the surface, and where the mercury drops to 50 and 60 degrees below zero, is one of the extraordinary phenomena that has puzzled geological experts in exploring the Arctic.

As in all our Alaskan missions the children at Pilgrim Springs give a good account of what has been done for their spiritual life through the workings of a zealous apostleship. They are well instructed in the fundamentals of their religion with a view of becoming catechists when they leave the mission to live among their own people; and this step is a step in the right direction, for no better means could be taken, to meet some of the adverse conditions that confront the missionary situation in Alaska today, than the formation of graduating efficient catechists in our Mission schools. In furthering this important lay-apostolate, our devoted Brothers, Hansen and Wilhelm, play no insignificant part. Being with the boys a great deal, they have an opportunity, all their own, of getting in touch with the Eskimo mentality; hence, the boys naturally look up to them for a solution of their difficulties; and, being, besides, good mechanics, the service they render to the mission is incalculable.

That the mission at Pilgrim Springs has accomplished so much in recent years is due in great part to the practical experience of Father Post. One building after another has been erected instead of the poverty stricken shacks that housed the inmates in the past. The waters of the springs are controlled in two well constructed bath houses, and so favorable have been the results of their medicinal properties for rheumatic conditions and stomach ailments that visitors come from afar to seek relief.

Visits Grave of Father Rupert

I visited the grave of Father Rupert in the little cemetery close by the mission. A neat marble headstone, with the inscription customary over the remains of Ours, tells the touching story of his premature death while mushing in an Arctic blizzard in bringing gifts to Christ's little ones. Two days at this mission, the farthest north in Alaska gave me a rest at the end of the trail, gave me a rest at the end of the trail. The next day Brother Wilhelm ac-

accompanied me in crossing the tundra to the Shelter Cabin, where I boarded the narrow-gauge car and reached Nome that evening at 9 o'clock.

A Mission was announced to begin the next morning, Sunday, and I found the congregation well prepared to take advantage of the first Mission in our church in Nome. Besides the attendance of Catholic whites, the Eskimos came in fair numbers, as their association with white people in Nome has made them sufficiently familiar with English to be able to follow the main drift of the sermons and instructions. Like all Missions, their net results are relative in keeping with the dispositions of those attending them; but here the added novelty of a first mission helped to bring some who otherwise may not have attended. The Catholic congregation at Nome is only a remnant of what it once was in the heyday of the camp's mining activity; then, Nome had an influx of adventurers numbering several thousands; today, there are not as many hundreds. However, I found a fervent Catholic community of well instructed people who frequent the Sacraments regularly, many of them daily communicants. And in all the places where I have been, during more than twenty years of active ministry, I have not found one to surpass the zealous pastorate of Nome. Here, besides the other incidentals in connection with ordinary parish life, catechetical instruction is an everyday occurrence. The little reception room is in almost constant use for the Eskimos preparing for baptism and First Communion. In Nome Father La Fortune has accomplished marvels among the Eskimos; to them he means more than mere words can tell, for to him do they turn, as Father and Friend, now ripened by an experience of over a quarter of a century among them.

Spirit of the Missions

The Mission over, and the visitation of the Alaskan Missions complete, I took the last boat for Seattle which weighed anchor in the roadstead at Nome on the 7th of November. At this season the sea in the outside Alaskan passage is generally rough, but not too rough to be unpleasant, so the Victoria docked at Seattle at noon November 15.

It is consoling to note, at the close

of this letter, dear Reverend Father Provincial, that our Fathers and Brothers in Alaska are indefatigable workers with one object in view, the salvation of those entrusted to their keeping; and while this apostleship in the Northland is attended with difficulties under very trying circumstances, yet, there is never a word of complaint, nor a passing thought of adverse criticism. This ideal condition is due, in great measure, to our devoted Bishop Crimot, and our Superior, Father Delon. They have left nothing undone to encourage Ours in their respective jurisdiction, in token of which their annual visitations are eagerly awaited as a time of special thanksgiving. And, now, that you have seen fit to call me away from Alaska to urge interest in her needs in another way among the Catholics in the States, I wish to say that the lure of the Northland is with me, and, when the word is spoken, I am ready to return.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

PATRICK J. O'REILLY, S. J.

KORI DEBACLE

"Japanese scholars of the present time are with great earnestness applying themselves to research, in order to learn about the terrible persecutions of the Catholics of Japan 300 years ago," writes Brother Francis Masui from the Catholic University of Tokyo. Feeling that an instance of recent discovery would be of interest, he continues:

"The following incident shows the latest discovery made by Dr. Anzaki, well-known professor of the Imperial University:

"Omura, once a stronghold of the Kirishitan missions, became the scene of terrible persecution after the apostasy of its lord, Tango-no-Kami Yoshiaki in 1604. The last persecution on a large scale occurred in 1630; since then the whole territory of Omura was considered to have no followers of the Christian religion except those imprisoned in Omura. However, there were still a good number of Kirishitans in that territory and to the astonishment of many, the existence of Kirishitans was discovered by chance in the last part of 1657. There resulted the arrest of 608 persons and the execution of 411 in the following year. This is known as the "Kori Debacle"

since the chief site of the trouble was in the village district of Kori, north of Omura. Within two months nearly 600, including women and children were arrested, and, together with those arrested later, the number amounted to the above total. Many of them were sent to Nagasaki for investigation and imprisonment, while most women and children were sent to Saga, Hirado and Shimbara for detention. Some 99 apostatized, some 78 died in the prison, while the majority, 411, were executed, mostly beheaded and some killed in the pit.

"The execution at Nagasaki and Omura took place on August 25, 1658. The majority of those who were executed at Nagasaki and Omura were men, while of the 199 who were executed or died in prison at Hirado, Saga and Shimbara, 103 were children under 15 and 96 were women.

"There is a later register made at the Omura prison, dated 1690, but with additional notes, through which we learn of the deaths of the prisoners. Among them there was a boy, who was arrested at the age of five and died in prison 46 years afterwards (1703); another, a girl arrested at the age of 11, died 63 years later (1722)."

Bellarmino College

Last Vows

On February 2, the Feast of the Purification, at the mass celebrated by Father David McAstocker, Father Francis Gleeson pronounced his final vows as a Jesuit. Immediately after the Mass he received the congratulations of the brethren of Bellarmine college and St. Leo's parish.

On the following day an entertainment was given in his honor in St. Leo's auditorium. During the evening, speakers representing his order, the school and the parish, joined in congratulating him. The evening was closed with an address by Father Gleeson in which the deeply serious and the highly humorous were happily combined.

Lenten Devotions

During lent the noon-day Mass will be said by Father Charles B. Largin who will also preach on Sunday evenings, and during the Novena of Grace,

Father John McAstocker will preach on Wednesday evenings.

St. Ignatius College

Lenten Courses Scheduled

A program of Wednesday evening lectures will be given by Father Thomas J. Flaherty. Father Flaherty has for his theme, "The Drama of Calvary," and has arranged the presentation in the following manner: "The Night Before—In the Hands of the Jews"; "The Garden"; "Before the Religious Tribunals"; "The Day Following—In the Hands of the Romans"; "The Justice of Pilate's Court"; "The Final Journey—The Via Dolorosa."

Each Sunday evening there will be a sermon by various other Fathers in the following order: Father James Taylor, "Making Beautiful the Drab World"; Father Victor White, "Religious Indifference"; Father A. M. Torre, "The Philosophy of Life"; Father James Taylor, "God's Abiding in Us, and Our Abiding in Him"; Father Albert Whelan, "Man's Greatest Boon"; Father Victor White, "Christian Marriage."

Visitation Takes Place

Rev. Father Provincial made the annual visitation the latter part of the month of January. Father Socius also stayed with us. A very acceptable holiday was granted to both the college and high school in honor of the Provincial.

Last Vows

In the presence of the community, Brother George Feltes, on the feast of the Purification and at the community Mass, pronounced his last vows.

Dramatic Success

The College dramatic society with the usual success staged a play in January. The talent displayed by the cast drew quite complimentary criticism from well-known dramatic editors of the local papers.

"The Upper Chamber," a sacred play, will be presented in February.

For Sale

The old, old buildings on Hayes street have a prominent sign on them, "For Sale." The work on the new high school is progressing according to schedule. The interior work is well under way. The con-

struction of a gymnasium is still problematic.

Gold Medal Contest

The annual contest for the gold medal given by the Y. M. I. was held in the college auditorium on the evening of January 16. The eight participants one and all, were a credit to Catholic education. The crispness of logic, the frequent and strong appeal to Catholic religious motivation and Catholic achievements was a contrast to the "social appeal" oratory of secular schools. The unanimous decision of the judges was in favor of Frank Silva, '31.

Loyola Guild Lecture

Under the direction of Father Edwin McFadden, the Loyola Guild at its January meeting heard a very interesting lecture by Father McCumiskey on the Catholic education of deaf mutes. Two little children from the Sisters' Deaf Mute Asylum in Oakland were brought over and Father gave a very instructive illustration of the various methods employed.

Loyola University

Lenten Missionary Campaign

Representing the Jesuit Order in the general missionary campaign held in the diocese of Los Angeles during the Lenten season are thirteen missionaries from the California Province. All the missionaries of the various orders assembled on Friday evening, February 15, at St. Vibiana's cathedral to receive the instruction and blessing of Bishop Cantwell.

The Jesuits preaching missions throughout the diocese are: Fathers Stack, O'Reilly, Whelan, Deignan, Deeney, Carroll, Kavanagh, McCumiskey, Ivancovich, Tranchese, Ring, Linden and De Rop.

The first mission which was begun at St. Vibiana's cathedral, Sunday, February 17, was preached by Father Joseph R. Stack, state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and Father Charles F. Carroll.

Gonzaga University

St. Aloysius Church

Father Raymond L. Nichols and Father Godfrey J. O'Shea of the Gonzaga faculty will conduct the Lenten services on each Wednesday and Sun-

day evening. Topics chosen by Father Nichols for the Sunday evening sermons are: "Our Reward Exceeding Great"; "A God of Mercy"; "With Us 'All Days'"; "Walking With Christ"; "False Prophets"; "Rock of Ages."

On Wednesday evenings Father O'Shea will preach upon the Passion. His topics are: "The Gate of Destiny"; "The Man of Sorrows"; "The Buffeting Hands of Hirelings"; "The Whips and Scourges"; "The Crown of Thorns"; "The Weeping Women"; "The Body Wholly Dependent on Wounded Hands and Feet."

On Holy Thursday the sermon will be preached by Father James A. Gilmore. The devotion of the Three Hours will be conducted from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p. m., with sermons on the Seven Last Words of Christ by Father John J. Keep. At 7:30 p. m., Good Friday, the Way of the Cross, sermon on the Passion, by Father Francis J. Altman of Mount St. Michael's.

Religious Survey Interests Students

The religious survey questionnaire being conducted among the university students by Father Joye and Mr. Flaherty is proving of much interest to all concerned. Many have taken the survey seriously and answers received show that the young men were thinking clearly when they endeavored to respond to the best of their ability.

Results so far obtained give evidence of the fact that the students realized the vital importance of such questions as—Spiritual Background; Religion; Holy Communion and Environment; the necessity of good habits and high ideals. The outcome of the survey will be published in a future issue of the Bulletin by the department of education under whose direction the survey is being conducted.

Debating Teams Selected

At the try-outs of the House of Representatives held recently, six men were selected to represent Gonzaga in future forensic clashes with sister colleges and universities in the Northwest. Those successfully competing were Irwin Switzer '29; Ernest Rinn '30; Sterling Taylor and George Bilsborrow '31; Joseph Hurley and Frank Egan '32.

Three debates are scheduled for the House of Representatives this spring. On March 25, the Univer-

sity of Southern California will be here to discuss the question: "Resolved that the Plea of Temporary Insanity in Defence of Crime should be Prohibited by Law." Gonzaga will uphold the affirmative. The local forensic artists will also meet a debating team from the University of Wyoming on April 2, and a week later one from the State College of Montana. The sides for these debates have not yet been selected.

Second Semester Opens

The second semester now under way is marked by a considerable number of new registrations. No particular department has been especially favored, although the department of music and the night school appear to be growing in popularity. New students include graduates of Lewis and Clark and North Central high schools together with transfers from many other schools. It is gratifying to note so many are taking advantage of the excellent courses offered by the night school.

Sacred Heart Novitiate

First Vows and Last Vows

Two grades of the Society celebrated the feast of the Purification as a day of special joy, when Brother Sanchez-Aldana pronounced his last vows and Brother Arthur E. Green, scholastic, his first. Present at Mass during the ceremony was Brother Aldana's uncle, an exiled priest from Mexico.

First Year Juniors Have Free Days

Father Daniel Bassett gave the students' retreat at Brophy college, Phoenix, during the week of February 11. The inability of three other appointees to conduct the exercises made it necessary for him to give his classes a vacation and take the assignment.

Father Giacobbi Labors for Theologate

If the erection of the proposed theologate depends to any degree on Father Giacobbi's labors, it will soon be more than a dream. He has been busy soliciting financial aid in Los Angeles and the vicinity during the past six weeks, and from all reports seems to be meeting with success.

Great Zeal in New Project

The juniors and novices, working under the supervision of Rev. Father Rector, have undertaken the task of removing the bank adjoining the No-

vitiating wing. The cut includes the old grape-road and will extend back as far as the long cloister walk. The excavated dirt is being used to fill in the hole in front of the Juniorate wing, and thus provide additional recreational space. Though handicapped by short working hours and limited hauling facilities, the juniors and novices have tackled the job with such ardor and determination that they bid fair to have the hill removed in a few months.

The juniors took on another good-sized job for their Lenten season when they began clearing the brush below the showers at villa for two new tennis courts. They hope and expect to have them ready for major vacations.

By Land or Sea

Permission has been granted to the juniors going North this year to travel either by train or by boat.

Seattle: Immaculate

Lenten Sermons

A large number of the sermons during Lent will be given by Father William E. Donnelly, of Port Townsend. These sermons will be as follows: "When Christ is Most Needed," "Christ's Message to the World," "Christ's Message Spurned," "Christ's Threat," "Christ and Heavy Hearts."

Upon Father Donnelly's departure, March 1, the four subsequent Wednesday evening sermons will be given by Father Walter J. Fitzgerald. Father Van Hooissen of St. Joseph's will then take the Sunday evening course to completion.

Good Friday

Father John McAstocker will give the "Three Hours" at the Immaculate Conception Church on Good Friday.

Santa Clara

Annual Awarded First Prize

First prize in the eighth National Yearbook Contest, conducted by the National Scholastic Press Association at the University of Minnesota, has been awarded the University of Santa Clara for its 1928 edition of the Redwood.

New Seismographs Arrive

The two new seismographs designed for use in the new Ricard

Memorial Observatory seismological station arrived here from Esthonia on February 7.

The new instruments were made by Galitzin, famous builder of scientific apparatus in Esthonia, and are of the latest type. They will be installed in the seismograph pit at the observatory under the direction of Father James B. Henry.

Dramatics

Santa Clara's first event of a dramatic nature for the new year was actualized on January 24 when Frank C. Thompson impersonated several of Dickens' characters in the University auditorium.

Thompson's appearance was sponsored by the Arts Society, of which Mr. A. M. Casey is director.

One of the most talented men in his calling, Thompson has appeared before many of the literary and dramatic organizations of the state.

"Henry IV," one of Shakespeare's greatest historical plays, has been selected by Prof. Edward Preston Murphy, head of the department of public speaking and dramatics, as the major dramatic effort of Santa Clara this year.

The play will be presented to the general public at four performances on April 19, 20 and 21, in the University auditorium. There will be an evening performance on Friday night, April 19; matinee and evening performances Saturday, April 20; and a matinee performance Sunday, April 21.

Alumni

Santa Clara alumni of Alameda County, at a banquet and meeting at the Athens Club in Oakland, January 15, organized a Santa Clara alumni association for Alameda County, according to word sent to the "Santa Clara" by Raymond A. Ferrario, secretary of the new association.

Many Attend

The banquet was attended by more than twenty-five alumni, many of whom were prominent in student life here, and at the meeting following the banquet, officers were elected for the new organization.

Raymond A. Hall '17, of Oakland, was chosen president; Wm. Knightly '92, of Hayward, treasurer; Raymond A. Ferrario '26 of Oakland, secretary; and Philip Fawke '25, of Oakland, sergeant-at-arms.

Alumnus on Hoover Trip

John Mott, who attended Santa Clara from 1891 to 1893, has recently returned to his home in Los Angeles, after accompanying President-elect Hoover on his good-will tour through South America.

Mr. Mott was asked to accompany Mr. Hoover at the latter's personal invitation because of his wide knowledge of Latin-American cultural and economic conditions and his knowledge of the Spanish language. He is connected with one of the early Spanish-California families of Southern California.

Australians Visit Campus

Catholic members of the Young Australia League visited the University of Santa Clara campus on January 19.

The group was under the leadership of the Reverend Thomas F. Millet, secretary of His Grace, Archbishop Hanna. While here they visited the Mission Chapel, the Observatory, the Library and other interesting places on the campus. The young men declared themselves well pleased with the welcome, and praised the University and its features.

The Young Australia League is touring the United States and Canada under the direction of their commander, Major J. J. Simons.

Alumnus Delivers Oration

Lewis F. Byington, B. S. '84, prominent citizen and former supervisor of San Francisco, delivered the Lincoln oration at the celebration of Lincoln's birthday anniversary at the Civic Center in San Francisco.

King of Spain to Replace Bell

King Alfonso XIII of Spain will send to Santa Clara's Mission Chapel a massive bell to replace the one given by King Charles IV to the early mission more than a century and a half ago and lost in the fire that destroyed the Mission in 1926.

This word was received by Rev. Father Rector from the Duke of Miranda, the king's majordomo.

Orders have already been given to have the giant bell cast, and the work will be carried out in the shops of the royal arsenal. The message from the Duke of Miranda also said that the professor of rhetoric at Veruela, Jesuit University of Spain, several centuries old, has been instructed to compose fitting verses for

the inscription of the bell.

Scholastic Prizes

The annual Ryland Debate will take place on the evening of April 18 this year.

The closing dates for manuscripts for the literary prizes are: Leahy prize, March 1; Redwood prize, March 4; McCann prize, March 25; Orella prize, April 19. The date of the competition for the Archbishop's medal was not announced.

Founded in 1897

The Ryland Debate is the annual forensic clash between the House of Philhistorians and the Philalethic Senate, and was founded in 1897 by the Honorable Caius T. Ryland, distinguished alumnus of Santa Clara, who gave an annual purse of \$45 to the university for prizes.

The faculty assigned it to the university Literary Congress and divided the prize into several parts to be awarded to the three best speakers in the debate. The first prize is \$20; the second, \$15; and the third, \$10.

The annual William H. Leahy prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 are offered by William H. Leahy, an alumnus living in San Francisco, for the best dramatic compositions.

A prize of \$15 is offered annually by the Redwood for the best essay on an historical subject, and is known as the Redwood prize.

The best short story submitted will win the annual McCann prize of \$15, offered in honor of Daniel B. McCann, B. S. '84.

The Orella prize is an annual one offered by Doctor Firmin R. Orella, B. S. '89, to the writer of the best paper on a scientific subject.

The Archbishop's medal is an annual prize of \$50 offered by His Grace, Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, in memory of his predecessor, Most Reverend Patrick William Riordan, to the student who shall have completed most successfully an examination in Christian Doctrine.

Mt. St. Michael's New Wing

The increase in the number of Philosophers each succeeding year has made an extension of our present building a necessity. Accordingly, in a few weeks, when weather con-

ditions permit, work on the new wing will begin. The addition will conform in style and general construction with the present building but will be one story lower. The wing will extend 85 feet to the west in line with the older building, and 136 feet back, forming a perfect quadrangle with the line of the Chapel. The new addition will be devoted exclusively to rooms for the Philosophers and will also contain the Library. The first floor corridor of the older building will be continued through the present library, thus giving two large rooms, about the size of our present classrooms. The new library, two stories high, will occupy a large portion of the northern projection of the new addition. All the remaining portion of the new wing will be used by the Philosophers.

Last Vows

"The Dead That Shall Not Die," the title of Mr. J. C. Gaffney's interesting paper, chronicling a number of edifying and amusing incidents of Father Meagher's life, many fine and kind deeds done. "The Dead That Shall Not Die," well sums up the story of the occasion of the final vows of Father Daniel P. Meagher, here on February 2. As Rev. Father Rector well pointed out, the external display of joy, the entertainment with the melodious strains of the orchestra, vocal harmonies, expressions of felicitation in prose and verse, though enjoyed and deeply appreciated—all will die, but the heartfelt, brotherly feeling that prompted all these, like Father Meagher's personal feelings on that day, will remain always in his memory, "the dead that shall not die."

Sodality Academy

A unique, interesting and instructive academy in the form of a model meeting was presented by members of the First Year at our January session.

The subject discussed was, "The Sodality's Rivals within and without the Church." Mr. H. R. Sheehan and Mr. B. Cloran treated of those organizations within the Church which are outstripping the Sodality in promoting God's Glory. They presented statistics showing the tremendous increase of these bodies in recent years, and the splendid work they are doing. Some of the or-

ganizations treated are the Holy Names Societies, the Saint Vincent Paul Society, and the Third Order of St. Francis. Mr. J. R. Bradstreet and Mr. R. Barrilleaux dwelt upon the rivals outside the Church, which by dint of clever organization, tireless effort, and advertising, had swelled their numbers to the millions, and were accomplishing big things. Some of these are the Y. M. C. A., the Epworth League, Students Volunteer Movement.

Each speaker made a pointed application, showing that with the splendid organization of the Sodality we should be the leaders and not the trailers in the race for the greater glory of God.

English Academy

"Hillaire Belloc, Essayist and Historian," was the subject of a well written paper by Mr. J. D. Lyons, which he read at the February session of the English academy. A personal letter from Mr. Belloc, written by him that it might be read to the academy, lent not a little atmosphere to the occasion.

Scholastics' Library Renovated

The books of the library have been indexed according to authors, subject matter, and titles. A complete set of books numbering a little over 500 has been distinctly labelled and put aside as "Ne Auferatur." The remaining books, about 350, duplicates of the others, are labelled "Three Day Books."

The new system is the result of Mr. G. B. Sontag's plan and labor, of Father Minister's encouragement and cooperation in carrying out the work, and of the generous assistance of the scholastics.

Lecture on Alaska

Dressed in the full regalia of our Alaskan missionaries on the trail, Father P. J. O'Reilly, but recently of Fairbanks, Alaska, gave the community an interesting and instructive talk on his own mission at Fairbanks, and the others visited on his journey to the States via Nome.

Father O'Keeffe Addresses Sodality

On the evening of February 26, Father Lawrence O'Keeffe addressed the scholastics at an informal meeting of the Sodality academy. Father O'Keeffe's talk was particularly interesting since he has been for the past four years intimately connected with the Acies Ordinata at Rome and

as a consequence was able to explain to his hearers the principles according to which the sodality magazine is edited.

Father O'Keeffe insisted, too, that the watchword of the present Holy Father, "Catholic Action," must by all means be hearkened to in the conduct of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

Brophy College

Parish Patron Named

The new parish connected with Brophy college has been placed by his Lordship, Bishop Gercke, under the patronage of St. Francis Xavier.

The name is not unknown in Arizona. The early Jesuit missionaries placed the most prominent of their missions in Ariona under the protection of the great apostle of the Indies; and today the mission of St. Francis Xavier is looked on with veneration by the people of the state. The Jesuit Fathers, returning now after a lapse of one hundred and forty years to work in Arizona, rejoice to labor under the inspiration of that great Saint.

Boy's Retreat

On February 12, 13 and 14, Father Daniel Bassett gave a retreat to the boys. Like so many other things in the new school, it was, for most of them, their first retreat.

Father Vaughan Gives Lenten Course

The Lenten course being given by Father Joseph A. Vaughan is as follows: "What Man Thinks of the Soul"; "What God Thinks of the Soul"; "What Christ the God-Man Thinks of the Soul"; "The Soul of the Babe"; "The Soul of the Child"; "My Soul and I."

On Friday evenings there is Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p. m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday evenings there is a rosary, sermon and Benediction.

Improvements About the Building

Work is going forward in improvement on the lawns and roadways about the building. A fountain has been set up recently in the patio. It is modeled along the lines of similar fountains in the patios of the old Jesuit missions in Mexico.

The lighting fixtures are now being installed in the chapel. They are ponderous affairs of hand-wrought iron, in perfect accord with

the mission style of architecture of the building. Each fixture consists of a huge iron ring about four feet in diameter and weighing 300 pounds, from each of which are suspended three iron lanterns.

Visitors

Mr. Francis Cahill is now at Phoenix, having left Tucson the early part of February. Father Moulineux was a recent visitor, having come to Phoenix to attend the Southwestern Medical Conference. We also enjoyed a visit from Father Roger Aull of Raton, New Mexico. Father came to see our building prior to letting the contract for the new national home for old priests and sanitarium for sick priests which is soon to be constructed at Raton.

First Stage Appearance

Our boys made their first public appearance on the stage the Saturday and Monday before Lent, in "Mr. Kilpatrick" a three act comedy. Their first dramatic effort was quite successful and Mr. John Convery is to be congratulated on his ability as director.

February Second

The Feast of the Purification this year was made memorable by Father Joseph Howard, who took his last vows on that day at Brophy College.

Yakima: St. Joseph's

Father Smith From Manresa

In order to assist the Lenten services at St. Joseph's, Father Andrew C. Smith comes to Yakima. He will take charge of the Wednesday evening sermons throughout Lent and will, in addition, preach each Sunday evening at St. Paul's church.

Before he returns to Port Townsend Father Smith will also conduct a retreat for the boys and girls of the high school as well as one for the Young Ladies' Sodality at Moxee.

Debates Are Public

Father Leo F. McGreal, in charge of the debating at the high school has been working with enthusiastic pupils. Thus far the members of the debating society have engaged in two public debates.

San Jose: St. Joseph's

Lenten Services

Each Friday evening during Lent

there will be the Way of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30.

This year Father Louis McCann will deliver the Sunday evening Lecture Course: "Reason or Faith?" "License or Liberty?" "Blues or Peace?" "Halls or Churches?" "Slavery or Friendship?" "Paganism or Christ?"

The Wednesday evening course will be developed by Father Daniel J. Stack whose topics will be based on the general theme of the Person of our Lord: "Christ, Our Model"; "Christ, Our Leader"; "Christ, Our Teacher"; "Christ, Our Healer"; "Christ, Our Sanctifier"; "Christ, Our Hope."

From 12:10 to 12:30 each Tuesday and Thursday, Father Louis O'Brien will carry on a noon-day Lenten course: "Introduction—Why You Come"; "God"; "The Gospels—Books of History"; "The Christ of the Gospels"; "The Constitutions of Christ's Church"; "The Church of Christ Today"; "Does it Matter What We Believe?"; "Salvation In and Out of the Church"; "Sin"; "Hell"; "Grace"; "The Sacrament of Penance."

Improvements of St. Joseph's School Proposed

During the coming summer, extensive improvements will be made at St. Joseph's parish school. These will include an extension of the present Boys' school, complete renewal of the sanitary arrangements and the building of the high school gymnasium. For some years the boys of the school have been industriously collecting funds for the gymnasium and now have several thousand dollars to start the work.

Santa Clara: St. Clare's

Lenten Missions

Finding that the needs of the parishioners would be much better cared for by means of missions in the various languages rather than by a straight course of lectures, Father W. H. Culligan has arranged for four missions during Lent. The first, in Spanish, will be given by Father M. Gonzales. Father Ladislav Dragoni, O. F. M., will conduct the second in Italian; Father J. J. Fitzgerald, C. S. R., will give the third, which is to be in English. The concluding mission, in Portuguese, is to be in charge of Father Antonio, S. C.

Forty Hours Devotion

The Devotion of the Forty Hours began with Solemn High Mass at 9:30 Sunday, February 10. There was a sermon and Benediction in the evening. Monday, the Missa pro Pace was said; Benediction and sermon all night. On Tuesday the Forty Hours were concluded with Solemn Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Missoula

Lenten Sermons

Father Emmett Shea, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's church, Missoula, will give the Sunday evening Lenten sermons at St. Francis Xavier's. The Wednesday evening course will be given by Father William Elliott who will, in addition, preach each Sunday evening at St. Anthony's.

The subjects chosen by Father Shea are the following: "Sin, Its Causes and Auxiliaries"; "The Consequences of Sin"; "The Person of Jesus Christ"; "The Redeeming Work of Christ"; "How Mankind Partakes in the Effects of the Redemption"; "Our membership or Incorporation into Christ Through His Church."

Father Elliott will preach on the following topics: "Who is Christ?" "Enemies Triumphant"; "The Triumph of a Friend"; "Pleasures Triumphant"; "The Triumph of Mercy"; "The Triumph of Hate"; "The Triumph of Love."

Portland: St. Ignatius

Sunday and Wednesday Lenten Services

Each Wednesday evening during Lent there will be a sermon by Father Patrick J. Mahony. His topics are: "The Figless Fig-tree"; "By What Authority"; "The Marriage Banquet of the King's Son"; "Render to Caesar"; "Woe to You, Scribes and Pharisees"; "And Five of Them Were Foolish and Five of Them Were Wise"; "Christ's Night in Prison."

Father Augustus J. Coudeyre will preach each Sunday evening. Around the general theme "The Church" he will develop: "The Church of All Nations"; "The Church of All Ages"; "The Church of All Saints"; "The Church of True Worship"; "The

Church of the Miraculous"; "And Yet the Church Hated."

Retreat for the Children

On March 20, 21, 22, there will be held a retreat for the children.

Father Vincent Chiappa

After a lingering illness of about a year, Father Vincent Chiappa passed quietly away to his eternal reward on Tuesday morning, February 12, at Loyola college, Los Angeles, California.

Born in Piedmont, Italy, Father entered the Society on June 1, 1871, when he was about 19 years of age. Coming to California in the early years of his religious career, he spent the greater part of his life there, leaving the State for a time to complete his immediate studies for the priesthood at Woodstock, Maryland.

Teacher and Missioner

He taught at St. Ignatius college, and at Santa Clara, while for some time, during a period of ill health, he was stationed at Los Gatos. Later he joined the Mission Band and preached throughout the Northwest in company with Father Thomas A. Meagher and Father Patrick J. O'Reilly. For many years Father Chiappa was the beloved pastor of St. Stanislaus church, Lewiston, Idaho. Upon the completion of his pastorate he was appointed spiritual father of the scholastics at Mount St. Michael's, a position which he held until his appointment to Loyola in 1924.

Sermon by Father Gleeson

Right Reverend John J. Cantwell, D. D. bishop of Los Angeles, paid a tribute of honor to the deceased by his presence in the sanctuary during the solemn high Mass celebrated by Rev. Father Joseph A. Sullivan. At the conclusion of the Mass a touching tribute was paid Father Chiappa by Father Richard A. Gleeson.

Father Gleeson in his address spoke of a friendship of over fifty years with the deceased. As his religious superior during many of these years, he had come to know him very well. His outstanding characteristics were a sweet simplicity, a child-like innocence and a burning zeal for the salvation of souls.

His simplicity was such that it led

some who did not know him intimately to under-estimate his learning, which, according to Father Gleeson, was great. His child-like piety was the foundation of all his virtues. He dealt with God as with a loving Father, accepting from His hand favors and chastening trials with willing submission.

Father Chiappa's Zeal

His zeal was unbounded. Delicate in health from boyhood, he never spared himself from the labors attendant upon his ministry; teaching, preaching, conducting retreats and missions, and guiding souls in the confessional almost to the end of his life. Truly of him were verified the words of scripture, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Taken to Santa Clara

At the conclusion of the funeral services, the remains of the venerable priest were conveyed by train to Santa Clara, where they were interred.



Mr. Jas. E. McAteer

The earnest prayer of the Jesuit, that God's call should find him loyally, manfully at his post of duty, was answered most perfectly in the case of Mr. James E. McAteer on the afternoon of February 14 at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane whither he had been taken some eight days previously.

For several days he had been fighting a severe cold. On Thursday evening, February 7, his companions insisted that he go to the infirmary without delay. The infirmarian found that his temperature was high and during the night it went as high as 105 degrees. The next morning he was sent to the hospital where his case was pronounced by Dr. O'Shea to be one of pneumonia. His condition, although serious, was not alarming. For several days there was little change, until Wednesday evening, the doctor perceived that the patient had taken a turn for the worse. Mr. McAteer was immediately anointed and Rev. Father Thomas Martin, rector of Mount St. Michael's left at once for the hospital where he remained through the night.

Receives the Viaticum

At 5:45 o'clock the next morning, Father Martin gave him the Viaticum and said Mass for him. As the morning wore away without any noticeable failing in the patient, Father Martin then returned to Hill-yard leaving Father James Donovan at the bedside.

Decided Turn For Worse

Early in the afternoon the patient took a decided turn for the worse and sank rapidly. At 3:30 the end came. His mother, brother and sister were present, having come from Seattle immediately upon hearing the serious nature of the sickness. Father Egan said the prayers for the dying and Father Donovan and Father MacAleer imparted their final blessing.

Removed to Mount

On Friday morning the body was brought to Mount St. Michael's and placed in the chapel where, in the evening, the office of the Dead was said by the community and where, at nine o'clock the next morning, Saturday, February 16, the funeral Mass was celebrated. Interment took place at Mount St. Michael's cemetery.

Was Pioneer Student

Mr. McAteer was born on May 18, 1897 at Port Blakely, Washington. One of the pioneer students of Seattle college, he attended that institution from 1905 until, in 1917, he received his degree. His loyalty to the College, both as student and as alumnus, was very marked, and he was a dear friend of the late Father Burke.

Eleven Years Service at Mass

Love of home and a deep devotion to his family were always characteristic of the young man; while for eleven years he gave evidence of his love of things spiritual by faithfully serving on the altar at St. James cathedral, Seattle. The Latin prayers and the chants would during the day, again and again crowd other thoughts from his mind, and the ringing of imaginary altar bells would constantly lift his heart to God.

His Religious Vocation

Little wonder, then, that God called him to the religious life. But the call he would not heed—he was

too conscious of his unworthiness. He tested his vocation by perishing the thought from his mind, but the call was clear and persistent—there could be no doubt. And so at last, at the age of 28, Mr. McAteer entered the novitiate at Los Gatos.

Of his religious life little need be said. Simplicity and absolute disregard of self are the two characteristics which were apparent to all who came in contact with him. And duty—those who witnessed his quiet but earnest mastering of his juniorate studies and the inviolable, clock-like regularity with which he applied himself to his work at Mount St. Michael's will not be surprised to learn that his only care during what proved to be his last short illness came from the realization that he was missing a philosophy lecture.

Many Feel His Loss

Outside the Society, Mr. McAteer leaves many sorrowing friends who knew him and esteemed him for his noble character.

Among his brothers in religion, there is many a one with a heart truly grateful that God vouchsafed to him, even for a few short years, the companionship of one in whom

shone such religious virtue; while the lingering memory of his devotion to duty will be a source of constant inspiration. Father Martin pays him the following tribute, "A simple, humble, self-effacing, rule-observing Jesuit."

Deaths in the Provinces of the United States

Father George A. Connors, December 25, New York City, N. Y. (N. E.)

Father James J. Doyle, January 4, Milwaukee, Wis. (Mo.)

Father Vincent Chiappa, February 12, Los Angeles, California. (Cal.)

Mr. James A. McAteer, February 14, Spokane, Wash. (Cal.)

Father William J. Brooks, January 21 Washington, D. C. (Md.-N. Y.)

Father Francis De Haye, February 8, Milford, Ohio. (Chi.)

Father Peter J. Phillippe, January 31, Grand Coteau, La. (N. O.)

Brother Rittmeyer, January 1, Hot Springs, North Carolina. (N. O.)

News Jottings From Other Provinces

ROME

The Holy Father, on November 21, received in private audience a group of young scholastics recently arrived at the Gregorian, and presented to him by the Rector, Father Gianfranceschi. After having given them his ring to kiss, and having spoken to one or two of them, His Holiness addressed the whole group, somewhat as follows: "It is with all my heart that I bless this group, representing so many provinces of the Society which I know I can call mine . . . The Society is indeed, according to the spirit of its founder, a select band, always ready to defend the Church and to obey the wishes of the Pope. I myself have experienced it so often that my love of the Society should astonish no one . . ." His Holiness concluded by giving the Apostolic Blessing.

MEXICO

There are 36 Fathers and 13 Lay-brothers living in private houses in

the City of Mexico. One Father, with the aid of four hundred catechists instructs twelve thousand children in catechism. In one of the hospitals there are ladies who expedite the work of the priest by preparing dying patients for the Last Sacraments. In the Military Hospital work is fruitful, but more difficult on account of government propaganda against the Church. Bishops and Prelates repeatedly express their thanks for the Society's work in Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS

A Lecture Bureau has been formed with headquarters at Jesuit high school, New Orleans. The object of the bureau is to furnish manuscripts and slides to any of Ours in the province who need them. Subjects include: Jesuit Missions; Sacrifice in the Economy of Religion; History of the Church; The Sacred Heart; Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Members of the province who have

lectures for distribution have been asked to list them with the central Bureau.

An experiment in retreat work was begun on January 25, in St. Charles' College, Grand Coteau, when the first Week-end Recollection was held for the boys of the public high school, Sunset. Twenty-one boys arrived on the afternoon of Friday, the 25th, and remained at the College till Monday morning. The teachers have shown themselves very ready to co-operate in the work of facilitating these retreats.

Arrangements have been made to take the boys of other high schools at future dates.

NEW ENGLAND

Father Leonard Feeney has been presented with the original Brown Derby, by Al Smith, in recognition of the article of that title in "America" for November 24.

CHINA

A "Union of Catholic Men" has been formed in Shanghai by Mr. Lo Pa Hong. Its 52 members have passed through a kind of noviceship and now go through the country on Sundays to teach catechism. They will interrupt their work any day if called to the bedside of a dying pagan. They can come into contact with the sick and with prisoners more easily than priests. Mr. Lo has also a hospital for children abandoned by their parents, orphans, sick prisoners, etc., housing in all about seventeen hundred people. He depends on alms for the upkeep of these undertakings.

NEW ENGLAND

Boston College can look with satisfaction on its progress during the last fifteen years. Its college students then totalled 363, and its high school 837. The college alone now surpasses this with a student body of 1247, while the high school has 1100, making in all about 2350 students.

The graduate school, which has been functioning as a separate unit for only three years, is now providing for 523 students. Though members of sisterhoods in the vicinity are attending in larger numbers than formerly, there is also a very encouraging increase in the attendance of lay students.

Father Lord paid a visit to the Philosophers and Theologians at Weston, after giving the Freshmen's

retreat at Holy Cross. He spoke to the Scholastics of the way in which he entered the field of Sodality work and of his surprise when he discovered the efficiency of the Sodality's organization. He also touched upon the St. Louis Convention and the labor involved in staging such an enterprise. His activity and zeal were an inspiration to the community.

MARYLAND-NEW YORK

The total registration at Georgetown University is as follows: Arts and Sciences, 938; Medicine, 473; Law, 458; Foreign Service, 434; Dentistry, 130.

A convention of Catholic students was held at Canisius College, Buffalo, under the direction of Father Daniel Lord, November 24-25. Over eleven hundred students from various Catholic institutions were present, and discussed the question of spiritual leadership among students.

AUSTRIA

Two hundred and forty two missionaries, including priests of the Society, joined in giving a great mission in Vienna last fall. About eighteen thousand people attended. This represents about one-sixth of the Catholic population of 1,200,000. In former times, under conditions more favorable for religion, practising Catholics were about one-tenth of the Catholic body. Hence a real advance is indicated. Conversions numbered 161, marriage settlements 32, receptions into Catholic associations 940. Nevertheless, conditions are serious enough, for many more should have attended the mission, and November alone saw 1298 defections from the Church. Since the establishment of the Republic 150,000 have fallen away from the Church.